

## **East Hollywood Business Improvement District**

### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, April 19, 2016**

**3:30 PM**

**Governors Attending:** Harvey Shield, Chair; Furios, Maikisch; Massachi, Tashjian, Underdown, Zaman, Zarrinnam

**Staff:** Gubler, Shahenian

**Guests:** Vanessa Alvarado, City Attorney's Office; Ana Castro, Children's Hospital Los Angeles; David Lee, Visionary Youth Center; Jeff Miele, LABT; Eddie Mendoza, Office of Senator Kevin DeLeon; Aram Taslagyan, CD-13

#### **I) Call to Order**

Shield called the meeting to order at 3:37 pm. The group members in attendance made self-introductions.

#### **II) Public Comment**

No public comment was received.

#### **III) Reports from Public Agencies**

Eddie Mendoza with the Office of Senator Kevin DeLeon discussed the Senator's No Place Like Home initiative - a bipartisan Senate Initiative to Prevent and Address Homelessness by re-purposing bond money from Proposition 63, and leveraging billions of additional dollars from other local, state, and federal agencies. The initiative is expected to create 20,000-30,000 units of permanent supportive housing.

Vanessa Alvarado with the City Attorney's Office introduced herself to the group. She noted recent changes in the City Attorney's staff including the relocation of Jackie Lawson. Steve Houchin will be taking over Jackie Lawson's Neighborhood Prosecutor duties.

Aram Taslagyan of CD-13 provided an update on the work of Councilmember O'Farrell's office. He noted that the Councilmember recently introduced a motion to renovate Residence A of the Hollyhock House at Barnesdall Art Park. UNESCO is considering the House as a possible Heritage Site. If awarded, the Park would receive a \$3.2 million grant for renovation. Taslayan also discussed the upcoming Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day and March. He noted that Hollywood and Western Street closures would begin at 9:00 am on April 24<sup>th</sup>. He commented that the City is continuing to look at developing an ordinance for regulating Short Term Housing Rentals in the City. He

stated that there would be a public hearing in May. He also discussed a recently approved Council ordinance regarding the cleanup of encampments.

#### **IV) Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by Underdown, seconded by Zarrinnam, to approve the minutes from the EHBID Board Meeting on March 15, 2016.

**Motion** carried.

#### **V) East Hollywood BID Sidewalk Subcommittee Report**

Zarrinnam noted that the EHBID Sidewalk committee comprised of Massachi, Shield, Furios and Zarrinam- recently walked the BID to identify the 4 areas of sidewalk most in need of repairs. It was noted that CD-13 is also working to fix the sidewalk in front of the Braille Institute. Jeff Miele of LABT will bring back cost estimates to repair the four areas of the sidewalk.

Zarrinnam discussed the City's Sidewalk repair program.

#### **VI) March Financial Report**

Shahenian reviewed the March 2016 Financial Report and noted that the BID had \$198,016 in its account as of the end of March.

#### **VII) LABT Cleaning Contract Update**

Jeffrey Miele with LABT updated the Board on its monthly cleaning contract. He noted that the weeds on the Vermont Triangle have been recently sprayed and that the crews will be staking leaning trees throughout the BID over the weekend.

#### **VIII) Vermont Median**

Zarrinnam noted that the Vermont Median project is moving forward and the BID can hope to see the ground breaking begin soon. The contract approval was for 4 medians, with a separate bid to follow for the construction of the last 2 medians. It was noted that LADOT will need to meet with the hospitals to coordinate emergency/ambulance traffic during the construction period.

#### **IX) New Business:**

The group discussed the need for a website subcommittee to review and recommend changes to the EHBID's website.

**Motion** by Tashjian, seconded by Underdown to create an EHBID Website Subcommittee. Zarrinam, Zaman, and Shield to serve as committee members.

**Motion** carried.

**X) Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the EHBID was scheduled for Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm at the Lombardi House.

**XI) Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole Shahanian". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicole Shahanian  
Executive Director